

TOURING LEAGUERS MUST REMAIN FIT

Magnates Will Withhold Contracts Until Players Prove Condition Next Spring.

Those thirsty tourists (the major league players who have gone to Japan, Manchuria and way stations out yonder) will be able to quench from their clubs until they have completed their training camps for at least two weeks. That was the understanding reached with the players, and they were given permission to make the three month tour. The club managers want to be more satisfied as to the fitness of the men before they permit them to tie themselves up with contracts.

While Judge Landis, John Heydler and Nicholson gave Herb Hunter permission to return to his club tour, which is conducted under the auspices of Waseda and Keio Universities, and the Japanese government for the big leaguers, it is known that for the first that he was not exactly "crazy" about the proposition. They would not have been able to get him to go. He was confined to Japan for two or three months but a three months' jaunt in the Orient

the health of some of the participants.

Athur Neff of the Giants was anxious to sail, but resigned when John McGraw intimated that he did not want Neff to sail. Neff, in spite of his better judgment, had to have remained home and nursed his bad leg.

The work of enlarging the seating capacity of the Polo Grounds will not be held up until the close of the football season. It will be started a week from Monday with the removal of the left field grandstand. The new bleachers will be built for the football season. The right field stand will be extended all the way to Eighth avenue. The left stand will retain the present location, but the corner will be removed to place the wooden affair now in use. There will be a space of fifty feet in center field without seats.

All of Western Conference Teams in Action To-day

Michigan-Ohio State Tilt At- tracting Greatest Interest.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—With every team in the Western Conference in action to-morrow interest will center in the clash between Michigan and Ohio State at Columbus, where probably 70,000 persons will see the two undefeated teams meet.

Ranking next in importance will be the Illinois-Iowa game at Urbana. In the other games Chicago will meet Purdue at Chicago, while Minnesota will take the field against Northwestern at Evanston and Indiana will furnish the opposition to Wisconsin at Madison.

The Ohio-Michigan game is the first big gamble of the season, so the comparative ability of the two is under

Michigan, on the basis of pre-season forecasts, was rated as one of the strongest elevens in the conference, but this prediction was weakened as a result of Michigan's showing against Vanderbilt a week ago.

Ohio has the greener line of the two, but Coach Wilce of the Buckeyes always has developed a creditable forward wall in addition to a tricky defense, which has caused many upsets in the

Ohio State Questions Certain Michigan Players Eligibility

'Big Ten's' Commissioner Refuses to Comment on Matter.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Ohio State University has protested the eligibility of

The matter has been referred to Commissioner Griffith of the Big Ten Conference, but in his absence from the city neither the names or other details are available.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Oct. 29.—Mat. Grif-
fith, high commissioner of athletics
for the Big Ten Conference, absolutely
refused to comment on reports that
Michigan had protested the eligibility of
Noel Workman of Ohio State and that
Ohio State had replied by protest against
the use by Michigan of Roby, Knude and
Kieffer on grounds of professionalism
and having played football longer than

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 20.—Athletic officials of both Ohio State and Michigan to-night denied knowledge of the filing of a protest on the eligibility of certain Michigan players, as reported from the Chicago office of Commissioner Griffith of the Western Conference.

L. W. St. John, athletic director at Ohio State, denied that protests against the Michigan players had been filed by

him, and Coach Fielding H. Yost of the Michigan team scouted the flea, declaring that neither he nor any other member of the Michigan party here had knowledge of such steps having been taken.

Coach Yost said he was quite sure had such protests been made he would have received notification before to-night, the eve of the Ohio State-Michigan contest.



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